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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

With this letter, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) is transmitting its Regulations for Fuel Sulfur and Other Operational Requirements for Ocean-Going Vessels within California Waters and 24 Nautical Miles of the California Baseline (OGV Clean Fuel Regulation) and amendments proposed for Board consideration at a public hearing on June 23, 2011. The OGV Clean Fuel Regulation, which is currently in effect, was adopted on July 24, 2008. The proposed amendments and associated documents were published on May 4, 2011. We are requesting parallel processing of the OGV Clean Fuel Regulation, as amended as proposed, to expedite U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) review and approval of California's State Implementation Plan (SIP).

ARB adopted the OGV Clean Fuel Regulation (Title 13, California Code of Regulations Section 2299.2 and Title 17, CCR Section 93118.2) to provide critical emission reductions along the entire California coast. The first phase of the regulation took effect on July 1, 2009, and remains in effect. The proposed amendments will expand the area affected by the regulatory revisions. The Phase 2 compliance schedule would facilitate a successful transition to recently approved federal marine fuel requirements, and incorporate changes to reflect recent changes to International Maritime Organization regulations and International Organization for Standardization standards.

As discussed with your staff, ARB is requesting that the U.S. EPA begin parallel processing of the OGV Clean Fuel Regulation to support approval of the South Coast PM2.5 SIP.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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This package contains two copies (one electronic copy and one hard copy) of the following materials that are being transmitted. I certify that the electronic copy ARB is providing to U.S. EPA is an exact duplicate of the hard copy.

- I. ARB Notice of Public Hearing to be held on June 23, 2011, dated April 26, 2011.
- II. ARB Staff Report, Initial Statement of Reasons for Proposed Rulemaking: Proposed Amendments to the Regulations "Fuel Sulfur and Other Operational Requirements for Ocean-Going Vessels within California Waters and 24 Nautical Miles of the California Baseline", with appendices.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Mr. Douglas Ito, Chief, Air Quality and Transportation Planning Branch, at (916) 322-0285.

Sincerely,



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